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FARMERS' INSTITUTE HELD AT EDGEFIELD.

Clemson and Winthrop Specialists Deliver Stirring
Addresses to Farmers on Livestock, Soil
Building and Domestic Science.
Attendance Small.

Great is the pity that a larger number of farmers were not present to hear the very excellent addresses delivered in the court house Thursday, the occasion being the farmers' institute that was announced recently several times in The Advertiser. The meeting was presided over by county demonstration agent P. N. Lott, through whose efforts three institutes were held: one at McKendree Tuesday, another at Cleora Wednesday and the third at the county seat Thursday.

Address on Livestock.

There has been an appreciable increase in stock raising throughout the county for the past several years, and had all of the farmers heard the address of Prof. R. L. Shields of Clemson college, they would have been aroused and stimulated to the point of reviving and enlarging at once this department of their farm life. Prof. Shields stated that until within recent years this country exported large quantities of meat and livestock, but that now the United States purchases meat in Australia, South America and other countries. In some parts of this country the butter that is consumed comes from Australia. Our population is increasing more rapidly than our food supply, which has greatly added to the cost of living. Prof. Shields stated that the present high cost of living could be very materially reduced if the south engaged more largely in stock raising. He said to that for another reason, our enormous area of waste and unproductive lands, the farmers of the south need to increase the livestock on their farms. While soil can be restored to worn and neglected lands through rotation of crops and the planting of legumes, yet there is no more effective way of rendering thin soil more productive than through the application of barnyard manure.

Prof. Shields stated that it is generally thought that pasture lands could not be had in the south, but in traveling over parts of this country he is convinced that nowhere in the country can finer pastures be had than right here in Edgefield county where Bermuda grass and other pasture grasses flourish. He also referred to the advantage that the south has through the feeding of cotton seed meal, which he stated can also be fed to hogs if properly used. There is no better feed than cotton seed meal when mixed with coarse with other feed in the proper proportion. European countries realize the value of cotton seed meal as a dairy food, consequently thousands of tons are shipped abroad annually.

Prof. Shields spoke at length of the importance of raising pure breeds. He illustrated this point by means of a chart, showing the results obtained through having a thoroughbred sire and a grade sire. He urged the purchase of a sire of the purest breed obtainable, whether it be hogs, cows, sheep or horses. In embarking upon stock raising he advised that a small beginning be made. The farmers of this section have been schooled in growing cotton and can not reasonably expect at the outset to make a success of stock raising on a large scale. This would be as unreasonable as to expect an Illinois corn grower to come South and make a success of growing cotton the first year. In speaking of which is the best breed of hogs, horses or dairy cows, Prof. Shields advised farmers to select the breed for which he has a personal preference, stating that a farmer is more likely to give close attention to the breed that he likes best. The speaker also laid emphasis upon giving stock personal attention, as, generally speaking, pure breeds require more attention than scrubs, if they are to prove profitable to their owners.

Household Problems.

Miss Caroline Bostick, a graduate of Winthrop college, spoke of conditions and problems in the home with which our good women have to grapple. She is a very intelligent young woman and during the brief period allotted her, made many helpful suggestions which the housewives of Edgefield, and young women too, could have heard with profit. Miss Bostick began by saying that the day is not far distant when most of the women will have to do their own work, and that they should, with the aid of the husbands and brothers, begin to prepare for it. She first urged the improvement of the household equipment, stating that it is just as necessary that the woman in the home be provided with labor saving devices and machines with which to perform her duties as it is necessary for the men on the farm to adopt labor-saving machinery such as cultivators, mowers, binders, etc. Miss Bostick stressed the importance of having some sort of water system in every home, however crude the system may be. She exhibited a drawing showing how a barrel can be elevated near the well and filled with an ordinary hand pump, the water being conveyed to the kitchen and washing machine by means of pipes. A gasoline engine is preferable to the hand pump. An improvised water system of this kind would not be expensive and would greatly facilitate the woman's work in the home. Miss Bostick stated that there is no good reason why homes in the country can not now have practically as many conveniences as the homes in the town. She also urged that everything about the home be conducted systematically, a time being set apart for each duty. She also urged women to take a short period for rest in the morning and also after dinner, which will keep them from becoming prematurely old. These short periods devoted to absolute rest and relaxation are worth more than a vacation of a week in summer.

Miss Bostick urged the use of the fireless-cooker for the kitchen as a supplement to the range. She also advised the use of oil stoves instead of spending so much time over the hot range during warm weather. Miss Bostick closed by impressing the importance of mothers spending more time with their children, stating as her conviction that the quality of our citizenship can be elevated by mothers living in closer touch with their children, instilling right ideas and inspiring them with high ideals.

Soil Building.

The last half hour of the institute was devoted to soil building, the speaker being W. H. Barton, of Greenville, the district demonstration agent. He exhibited a chart showing the relative importance of home and religious training, common schools, high schools, colleges, etc., but stated that there is a practical side that must not be overlooked among the affairs and problems of life. On the same chart was a drawing showing how the soil in the south is being depleted and in the same connection it was shown how through crop rotation and the planting of legumes the soil can be enriched. Mr. Barton stated that South Carolina uses one-fifth of all of the commercial fertilizers manufactured, and as much as 12 other southern states combined. During the last 10 years the acreage of cotton has increased 23 per cent., and the fertilizer bill has been increased 150 per cent. while the yield has been increased only 19 per cent.

Mr. Barton advocates the supplying of nitrogen by storing it from the atmosphere rather than by purchasing in the form of commercial fertilizers. He says the southern farmer has become the slave of the fertilizer manufacturers. Nitrogen can be stored in winter when the land is idle by planting legumes such as vetch and the clovers. These crops do more than merely store nitrogen. They also put vegetable matter in the soil, making it possible to store away a larger quantity of moisture.

TRENTON NEWS.

Mrs. Walter Miller Entertained
Auction Club. Mrs. Swearingen Entertained Brides
and Grooms.

The home of Mrs. Walter Miller was the scene of a beautiful function on Thursday afternoon last, the occasion being the meeting of the weekly auction club. There were four tables of players and the enthusiasm manifested over the game gave ample proof of the real pleasure derived therefrom. Mrs. Miller's parlor was decorated with beautiful cut flowers, luxuriant ferns, leading an added charm. In the dining room where the guests were invited for refreshments the decorations were especially attractive, the colors being orange and green. An elaborate course luncheon was served, the tango cream in the orange cups, decorated with a still lighter shade of yellow being the admiration of all eyes. A visitor at this affair whose very presence means additional beauty, grace and charm, was that lovely Horn's Creek girl, Miss Madge Mays. Her Trenton friends are always happy to see her.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Swearingen gave a beautiful six o'clock dining on Wednesday afternoon, last complimentary to those happy young married couples Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Roper. The affair was delightful and the elegant repast in keeping with Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen's unbounded hospitality.

Miss Fannie Miller was hostess at a lovely party on Saturday evening, the honorees being those two charming girls Miss Charlotte Burn of Abbeville and Miss Lillie Adams of Edgefield.

Miss Ethel Harrison is enjoying a delightful visit to relatives in Saluda.

Miss Lola Harrison is visiting relatives in Anderson and her friends and sweethearts are missing her sadly during her absence.

Miss Martha Harrison is enjoying many social attentions during her stay with Miss Jessie Moss at Tignall, Ga.

Mrs. Wallace Wise entertained several tables of card players on Thursday evening complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Roper.

Little John Broadus Knight is at home again after a long visit to his grand parents, and his home coming has brought real joy to his little friends and neighbors and his big friends too.

Messrs. Mike Herlong, Henry Salter and Douglas Wise have returned home from Fairfax when they joined a party on a base ball expedition. Success attending these champions, naturally they are wearing broad smiles.

We welcome into our midst as friends and neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Clark and their lovely family from Ridge Spring. Mr. Clark has come to take charge of the depot here and we consider ourselves extremely fortunate in having them locate among us. They are occupying the home of Mr. W. D. Holland.

Mr. J. M. Vann is at home after a week's pleasure and rest with friends at Columbus, Ga.

trogen can be stored in winter when the land is idle by planting legumes such as vetch and the clovers. These crops do more than merely store nitrogen. They also put vegetable matter in the soil, making it possible to store away a larger quantity of moisture.

Mr. Barton stated that broadly speaking there are but two classes of plants: Those that rob the soil or reduce its fertility and those that enrich the soil. He urged the farmers present to plant as many acres during the year of plants that enrich the soil as they do of crops that reduce the fertility, and in that way they will maintain the fertility of the land. Mr. Barton advocates the teaching of agriculture in the public schools. He says if the boys who are soon to begin farming on their own account were taught nothing more concerning agriculture than the nature of these two classes of plants, soil robbers and soil builders, in a few years a wonderful change in the productivity of the southern land would take place.

JOHNSTON LETTER.

Miss Stevens Entertained. Mrs. M. R. Wright Entertained
Pi Tau Club. Mrs. Lott
Teaches Scripture.

Miss Sara Stevens entertained for her guest, Miss Nell Carson, of Saluda, with a six o'clock dinner one evening recently and the hours passed happily.

Mr. Harry King of Savannah has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. M. A. Huie.

Mrs. A. P. Lewis is expecting to visit her this week, Miss Miles, of Alabama.

A beautiful work, and one that will accomplish untold good, is being done by Mrs. A. P. Lott at her country home. Every Sunday afternoon, the colored people in employ on the farm, assemble out under the shady oaks in the yard and Mrs. Lott reads and explains the scripture, and her talks and advice are sure to bring about better conditions among this class.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Walker will leave soon for a pleasure trip to Old Point Comfort, and will later visit other places of interest while away.

Misses Mand Nickerson, Sara Sawyer, Alma Woodward and Hortense are spending this month in Hendersonville, N. C.

Mrs. Hattie Parrish and Elberta Bland are at home from a visit to relatives in Florida.

Mrs. W. R. Hoyt has returned from a visit to Jonesville.

Misses Rosa and Bessie Parker have been guests in the home of their uncle, Dr. F. L. Parker.

Misses Mary Lucia and Elise Mobley are at home from a visit to Augusta.

Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Allen were visitors in Augusta recently.

Mrs. P. L. Waters, Sr., has returned from Atlanta where she has been with her daughter, Mrs. Lyn L. Allen, who has been ill.

Miss Annie Waters of Augusta is enjoying her vacation at the home of her father, Capt. Waters.

The members of the Pi Tau club met with Mrs. M. R. Wright on Thursday afternoon, and were delightfully entertained by their gracious and hospitable hostess.

Miss Eliza Mims and her niece, Miss Bessie King, of Savannah, are spending some time in the mountains of North Carolina.

Mrs. H. W. Crouch and Miss Annie Crouch have returned from a sojourn in the mountains of North Carolina. Miss Elise Crouch will remain for another month.

Mrs. Lewis Blount and Miss Emerald Gentry left on Saturday for a visit to their parents in New York city. Mrs. Blount will return about October, but Miss Gentry will probably remain during the winter.

Mrs. James White and Miss Hallie White are at home from Saluda.

Miss Daisy Sawyer is visiting her sister, the Misses Sawyer.

Misses and Edie Griffin of Newberry, have been visiting Misses Lillian and Ella Mobley.

Miss Ella Mobley has gone to Orangeburg to visit her sister, Mrs. Milton Sittly.

Mrs. E. B. Archer and children, of Augusta are spending awhile in the home of Mr. W. W. Satcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dobey have been visiting the former's sister, in Swainsboro, Ga.

Prof. and Mrs. Lew-lynn Coughlin, of Ward, were visitors in the home of Mr. M. W. Clark last week.

Rev. Calbraith B. Wright is visiting relatives in town and nearby.

Mr. and Mrs. Zobel, of Newberry, have been guests of their daughter, Mrs. W. B. Yonce.

Mrs. Susie J. Latimer has gone to Charlotte to visit her son, Dr. Claud Latimer. On the 16th, they will sail on the "Lenape," Clyde line, for a two week's pleasure trip to New York city and other points.

Mrs. Boger and Misses Helen, Ruth and Edna Boger, of Manning, are guests in the home of the former's father, Capt. P. B. Waters.

Mrs. Dora Whittle and children of Florida, have been visiting in the home of Mrs. Lucinda Wright.

Mrs. T. R. Denny is visiting relatives in Cochran, Ga.

If you want to ride 2nd to none buy a Brookway.

Wilson & Cantelou.

VISIT TO WHITE TOWN COMMUNITY.

The Advertiser's Representative Reports Visit
to Prosperous and Progressive White
Town. Splendid School, Lands
Increase in Value.

For a long while the editor of The Advertiser has had an earnest desire to visit the White Town section, but not until Saturday last have we had an opportunity to gratify the long-standing desire. We have a number of staunch friends in and around White Town which made us very anxious to meet with the people in their own community. So cordially were we received and so warmly were we greeted that we felt as if we had set foot upon White Town's soil a score of times. There are no better people to be found anywhere than those who reside in the White Town community. To say that their fathers and grandfathers before them were good old Edgefield stock is sufficient guarantee that the present generation are sturdy, honorable, upright, ambitious, and make the best of citizens.

Some years ago, not satisfied with educational conditions in the community, the leading citizens, at the suggestion of Mr. O. D. White, who would be a valuable acquisition to any community in the state, formed a new school district, calling it White Town district. And there is no getting around the fact that it is properly named. About every three out of four houses you pass on any road in that section is the home of a Mr. White, and about that proportion of the men you meet in a crowd bear that name.

However, there are sterling citizens, scores of them, who bear other names, but the Whites are greatly in the majority.

It is conceded by those who have visited the White Town community regularly that there is no other section of the county that has advanced more rapidly along all lines than this section. The farmers are progressive and have adopted many new methods and are constantly purchasing modern, labor-saving implements. The soils have been improved and rendered more productive. And as a natural result there has been financial prosperity. The homes have been improved and the farms and premises bear evidences of prosperity.

There is nothing else, notwithstanding all of the progress that has been made, which reflects the forward march of the White Town community more effectively than the growth of their school and the very loyal manner in which it is supported. When the school district was first established there were for several years only 12 or 15 pupils enrolled, while now the enrollment ranges around 75. No compulsory education law is needed for White Town. The parents realize the importance of sending their children to school and are not letting anything interfere with their education. Two special elections voting additional taxes for the support of the school have been held. A piano has been purchased and a music teacher employed for White Town school. This is the only rural school in the county (and one of very few in the state) that owns a piano. The high character of the work that is done is reflected by the splendid exercises that are held at the close of each session. Several persons told the writer Saturday of the splendid entertainment that was held at the close of the last session.

We can not close this reference to the White Town school without commending the good work that has been done for the past several years by Miss Carrie Talbert, as principal of the school. She is not only painstaking and thorough in her regular routine work in the class room, but by her personal interest and sympathetic contact she so encourages and inspires her pupils that a wholesome ambition is aroused and their lives are impressed indelibly. When the present generation of boys and girls shall have become men and women of White Town, the makers of the community life, they will ascribe much credit to Miss Talbert for

what they have achieved. If we mistake not, it was Miss Talbert who suggested purchasing the handsome new piano and who also labored unceasingly for funds for making the first payments. Many of Miss Talbert's friends regretted that she was prevented from being present at the campaign meeting Saturday by the extreme illness of her mother.

Notwithstanding the fact that Miss Carrie Talbert could not accept the school for the next session, it will still be in good hands. Miss Essie Bussey who has been the assistant teacher has been elected principal and Miss Mary Booy of Anderson has been chosen as assistant. Miss Bussey has rendered good service in the past and will receive the loyal support of the trustees and patrons.

White Town has a school improvement association that has done good work for the school. Mrs. Dan White is president of the association and Miss Coreen Wall is the secretary and treasurer. Through this organization the piano, a book case, pictures, books and a globe were purchased for the school. After making other interior improvements the association will undertake to raise money with which to paint the building. The ladies of the community gave the dinner at the campaign meeting Saturday in order to raise funds for the improvement of their school. They realized about \$75 from the splendid feast that was served. The only mistake the ladies made was in charging 40 cents for dinner when it should have been not less than 50 cents.

Another matter that must not be overlooked in this running account of what the good people of that section are achieving, and that is the very marked increase in land values during the past 10 years. Some 10 or 12 years ago Mr. W. L. Riddlehoover, one of the very best citizens in the county, bought a tract of land near the White Town school house for about \$5 per acre and recently sold it to a gentleman from one of the Piedmont counties for \$45 per acre. Mr. B. D. Kitching was offered \$40 per acre for his farm some time ago. This enormous increase in real estate values is attributable largely to the splendid school that has been built up in the community. Constantly men are coming from other sections into the community making inquiry about lands, whether any can be bought and at what price.

The candidates, the editor of The Advertiser and all of the other visitors thoroughly enjoyed the campaign meeting at White Town, pronouncing it the best of the series of meetings that have been held in the county since the campaign opened. We have a number of invitations to visit White Town again and so charmed were we with our first visit that it will require no urging to induce us to avail ourselves of the pleasure the first opportunity that is presented.

D. A. R. Meeting.

The old Ninety Six district chapter D. A. R. will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon, August 17, at 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. N. G. Evans, the program being as follows:

Meeting called to order by Regent.

Invocation by chaplain.

Roll call and minutes by secretary.

Business session.

Life of Gen. Sumter, Mrs. James R. Cantelou.

Recitation, Miss Florence Mims.

Ammunition, arms and accoutrements used in the Revolutionary war compared with that used in the present European war. Mrs. Fannie Tompkins.

Sarah R. Collett, Historian.